

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of generating a caricatured image, said method comprising the steps of:

determining a caricature level value in dependence on an intended size of [[the]]outer boundaries encompassing a caricatured image to be generated; and

generating the caricatured image of said intended size using the caricature level value thus determined.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein:

the determining step further comprises determining the caricature level value as a generally inverse function of the intended size of the caricatured image to be generated.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein:

the function is applied over at least a sub-range of the possible range of intended sizes of the caricatured image to be generated.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium storing a computer program or suite of computer programs arranged such that when executed by a computer system it/they enable the computer system to operate according to claim 1.

5. Cancelled.

6. (Currently Amended) A system for generating caricatured images, the system comprising processing means arranged in use to:

i) determine a caricature level value in dependence on an intended size of outer boundaries encompassing the a caricatured image to be generated; and

ii) generate the caricatured image of said intended size using the caricature level value thus determined.

7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 6, wherein:

the processing means is further arranged in use to determine the caricature level value as a generally inverse function of the intended size of the caricatured image to be generated.

8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 7, wherein:

the function is applied over at least a sub-range of the possible range of intended sizes of the caricatured image to be generated.